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On 4/19/65 it was ascertained that former Secretary of the Navy FRED KORTH, BARR Building, Washington, D. C., is unavailable due to his being in Mexico on vacation and will not return to his offices until the 26th of April, 1965.

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Title: WILLIAM FRANCIS RABORN, JR.

Character: SPECIAL INQUIRY

Synopsis: White House Office records negative. U.S. Navy records concerning appointee reviewed; appointee placed on retirement list of the Navy by reason of permanent disability, on 4/1/65. Associates commented very favorably concerning appointee and recommended very highly for a position of trust and confidence. Comments of U.S. Senators MONRONEY and YARBOROUGH set forth. Credit record satisfactory for the appointee. No credit records for relatives of the appointee. Police agency records negative. Veterans Administration files, State Security, OSI Headquarters and 4th District, negative. Passport information set forth. Secret Service negative. ONI files favorable.

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DETAILS: AT WASHINGTON, D.C.EMPLOYMENTThe White House Office

On April 16, 1965, Mrs. JEAN ROBB, Personnel Officer, advised SA GEORGE E. SAUNDERS that her files contained no information concerning the appointee.

On April 16, 1965, JOHN J. RATCHFORD, Chief of Records, advised SA SAUNDERS that his files contained no record concerning the appointee.

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United States Navy (USN)

On April 14, 1965, IC [] reviewed the appointee's USN Officer Service Record which reflected his date of birth as June 8, 1905, at Decatur, Texas.

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Upon graduating from the United States Naval Academy, Annapolis, Maryland, he accepted a commission as an Ensign, Serial Number 62102, USN, on June 7, 1928, and entered on active duty the same date. He had continuous active duty in the USN until he was released from active duty on August 31, 1963, as a Vice Admiral, and placed on the Temporary Disability Retired List of the USN, by reason of physical disability rated at 6070. On April 1, 1965, he was removed from the Temporary Disability Retired List of the USN and was placed on the Retired List of the USN by reason of a permanent physical disability.

As of April 1, 1965, he was a Vice Admiral, USN Retired.

His fitness reports were favorable.

He was granted a Final Top Secret Clearance on March 7, 1962.

On April 15, 1965, IC [] reviewed the Medical Record of WILLIAM FRANCIS RABORN, Navy Serial Number 62102, at Navy Bureau of Medicine and Surgery, Navy Annex, Arlington, Virginia.

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Memo dated February 12, 1965, from Senior Member, Board of Medical Examiners, United States Naval Hospital in U.S.S. Haven (AH-12) c/o United States Naval Station, Long Beach, California, reveals that the appointee was examined at the United States Naval Hospital, Bethesda, Maryland, on May 3, 1963, with a diagnosis of Arteriosclerotic Heart Disease with Angina Number 4200. He was again examined at the United States Naval Hospital, c/o United States Naval Station, Long Beach, California, on February 2, 1965, the diagnosis remained the same.

Memo further reveals that physical examination was completely within normal limits. Blood pressure was 130/80; pulse was 68 and regular; respiration 12; and temperature normal. He weighed 160 pounds (68 inches tall at 59 years). There was no evidence of cardiomegaly and no heart murmurs nor bruits were elicited.

On March 2, 1965, the appointee was advised that the Physical Review Council is of the opinion that the report of his latest physical examination and other medical records were sufficient to support the following findings:

1. Unfit to perform the duties of your rank because of physical disability, Arterio-sclerotic heart disease, Number 4200.
2. That such disability was incurred while entitled to receive basic pay.
3. That such disability is not due to intentional misconduct or willful neglect, and was not incurred during a period of unauthorized absence.
4. That you have completed more than eight years' active service.
5. That such disability is ratable at 60 per cent in accordance with Standard Schedule for Rating Disabilities in current use by the Veterans Administration, Code Number 7005.
6. That accepted medical principles indicate that such disability is permanent.

The appointee was advised by the Physical Review Council that if he agreed with the Council's findings his case would be referred directly to the Secretary of the Navy, recommending that the aforementioned findings be approved. If he did not agree he was to advise the Physical Review Council.

Memo dated March 9, 1965, from Physical Review Council to Secretary of the Navy reveals that the appointee agrees with the findings and did not demand a full and fair hearing before a physical evaluation board.

The file also revealed that the appointee was hospitalized on April 23, 1930, because of a tingling raw sensation in his lower front teeth and a somewhat similar feeling in his genitalia; a general nervousness, worry over domestic affairs during the past year, ill at ease and somewhat depressed; a denial of all suicidal ideas and thoughts, and the appointee was judged correctly oriented,

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but had difficulty in thinking and concentrating and, therefore, was considered neurotic in type and unstable at that time.

The file revealed that on July 26, 1930, a re-evaluation of his problems was conducted and he was found fit for duty with none of the foregoing symptoms in evidence at that time.

Appointee's medical record was rechecked on April 19, 1965, by IC [] which disclosed during November, 1929, he slipped while playing tennis and did a "split" and subsequently complained of pain in the peneal region and during January, 1930, he was transferred from the USS "Relief" to a Naval hospital with diagnosis of "neurasthenia."

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Appointee's medical record indicated he complained of pains over his bladder which were associated with a tingling sensation in his lower front teeth and in his testicles. His record contained a notation dated April 28, 1930, which stated "on account of the marked neurotic nature and peculiarity of his complaints, his emotional instability, depression, and general nervousness, and lack of any physical basis for his symptoms, the diagnosis is changed to: psychoneurosis, neurasthenia."

A Board of Medical Survey convened on April 28, 1930, which established that appointee was unfit for duty and recommended that he be transferred to a hospital in the United States for further treatment and disposition. He was transferred to the United States Naval Hospital, Brooklyn, New York, on May 1, 1930.

Appointee's record revealed that on June 21, 1930, his diagnosis was changed to "appendicitis, chronic," and underwent surgery on June 27, 1930. His record contained a notation "pathologist's report: appendicitis subacute." His record indicated he was granted leave for one week on July 15, 1930, and July 28, 1930, he was determined to be "cured."